

characteristic of the parking ticket machine or a number characteristic of the pricing zone of the parking location.

13. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the parking server sends the mobile telephone an electronic certificate calculated at least from information relating to the user, information concerning the parking location of the vehicle and information concerning the parking time.

14. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the parking fee is debited from an account with the operator of the mobile telephone network or the parking server.

15. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the parking fee is debited from a prepaid account with the operator of the parking server.

16. (Amended) Method according to claim 15, wherein said prepaid account is rechargeable by means of a prepaid scratchable ticket.

17. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the parking fee is debited from a smart card or bank card introduced into the mobile telephone.

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**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to correct antecedent basis errors. No amendments have been made for reasons relating to patentability.

No new matter has been introduced by way of this amendment. Full examination and favorable action are requested.

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**APPENDIX A – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS**

The material to be added is indicated by underlining, while the matter to be deleted is in brackets and in boldface.

1. (Amended) Method for managing parking of vehicles subject to payment, using a parking ticket machine [(10)] connected to a parking server [(2)], **[characterised in that]** where the method comprises:

a user, equipped with a mobile telephone [(20)] with a subscription to a mobile telephone network [(3)], sends said parking server [(2)] at least:

information concerning identification of the location of his motor vehicle parking space,

information concerning the parking time, wherein

the parking server [(2)] sends the ticket machine [(10)] at least the information concerning the parking time,

the parking ticket machine [(10)] supplies the parking authori[s]zation control elements [(12, 13, 14)] with at least the information concerning the parking time, and

the fee for parking is calculated from the information concerning the parking location identification and information concerning the parking time so on to bill the subscriber.

2. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **[characterized in that]** wherein the information concerning the parking time **[is constituted by]** comprises a parking period of time defined by the user.

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [**one of claims 1 or 2**], [**characterised in that**] wherein said parking authori[s]zation control elements [**are constituted by**] comprise a parking ticket [(11)] printed by the parking ticket machine [(10)] to be placed inside the motor vehicle and bearing information concerning the parking time.

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, [**characterised in that**] wherein said parking server [(2)] also sends the parking ticket machine [(10)] the identification information of the parked vehicle and [in that] wherein the parking ticket machine [(10)] also supplies said parking authori[s]zation control elements with said identification information of the parked vehicle.

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 4, [**characterised in that**] wherein said identification information of the parked vehicle are supplied by the parking server [(2)] on the basis of identification of the mobile telephone [(20)].

6. (Amended) Method according to claim 5, [**characterised in that**] wherein the identification information of the parked vehicle [**are**] comprise the registration number of the vehicle or an identification number affixed to the vehicle.

7. (Amended) Method according to claim 4, [**characterised in that**] wherein said identification of the parked vehicle are sent by the user to the parking server [(2)] by means of [**his**] the mobile telephone [(20)].

8. (Amended) Method according to claim 7, [**characterised in that**] wherein the identification information of the parked vehicle [**is**] comprises the registration

number of the vehicle or the number characteristic of the parking space of the vehicle.

9. (Amended) Method according to claim 4 [one of claims 4 to 8], [characterised in that] wherein the information concerning the parking time [is constituted by] comprises the parking period of time the user wishes to use.

10. (Amended) Method according to [one of claims 4 to 8] claim 4, [characterised in that] wherein the information concerning the parking time [is constituted by] comprises the start of parking time and the end of parking time respectively sent to the parking server [(2)] on arrival at and departure from of the parking location of the vehicle.

11. (Amended) Method according to claim 9 [to 10], [characterised in that] wherein said parking authorization elements [are constituted by] comprise a list [(13)] supplied by the parking ticket machine [(10)] or by a portable control device able to receive information originating from the parking ticket machine [(10)].

12. (Amended) Method according to [one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the information concerning identification of the parking location of the vehicle [is constituted by] comprises a number characteristic of the parking ticket machine [(10)] or a number [(14)] characteristic of the pricing zone of the parking location.

13. (Amended) Method according to [one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the parking server [(2)] sends the mobile telephone [(20)] an electronic certificate [(20)] calculated at least from information

relating to the user, information concerning the parking location of the vehicle and information concerning the parking time.

14. (Amended) Method according to **[one of claims 1 to 13]** claim 1, **[characterised in that]** wherein the parking fee is debited from an account with the operator of the mobile telephone network [(3)] or the parking server [(2)].

15. (Amended) Method according to **[one of claims 1 to 13]** claim 1, **[characterised in that]** wherein the parking fee is debited from a prepaid account with the operator of the parking server [(2)].

16. (Amended) Method according to claim 15, **[characterised in that]** wherein said prepaid account is rechargeable by means of a prepaid scratchable ticket.

17. (Amended) Method according to **[one of claims 1 to 13]** claim 1, **[characterised in that]** wherein the parking fee is debited from a smart card or bank card introduced into the mobile telephone [(20)].